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How far will two siblings go to save each other? As Chisuna fulfills Karsana's bloodthirsty cravings, she desires nothing more than to merge with his flesh and blood. But while the thought of joining with her brother seems satisfying, Chisuna simply refuses to drink his blood—Karsuna reminds her too much of father. Chisuna's unwillingness to feed off her brother has weakened her to a bed-ridden state, and Kinsan decides to withhold any further medication for fear of its dangerous effect. Will the next vampire attack finally make her rest in peace?

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My name is Kagura Takashiro. When I was a child, my mother died and my father disappeared. He took my older sister, Chigusa, with him. But he left me behind to be raised by his friends, the Edos. I grew up never knowing where my father and Chigusa had gone. One day, in our high-school Art Club, I was hanging out with my friend Yaguchi, when I caught sight of her blood-red paint. It filled me suddenly with strange, terrifying desires. Oddly enough, it rekindled memories of my family's abandoned home. Soon after, I visited that home and was shocked to find Chigusa living there. Now reunited, my long-lost sister revealed to me the darkest secret of our Takashiro lineage—generations of our family have been under the curse of a strange disease. It causes an intense, vampire-like craving for blood. In shock and disbelief, I backed away into my old, routine life. But after I suffered another collapse, I sought out Chigusa again. Only, she found me. I was suffering horribly, and she pacified my vile cravings by feeding me her own blood. She also gave me a mysterious medicine to stave off future attacks, a serum that a doctor, Harae, who was also an old friend of our father's, regularly smuggled in for her.

I must admit, I have a crush on Yaguchi. But it's all so hopeless now while in the throes of another violent craving. I told her about my strange disease. She was terrified and confused, but rushed me to Minagiri's hospital. I have the worst attacks when she's near me, and I have decided to completely avoid her. It will be difficult to keep her at arm's length, since she cares so much about me. But I worry that she cares too much.

Recently, Chigusa told me how much she loved our father. But Chigusa insists that father only returned her affections because she resembled him or our dead mother. Now I suspect that a lonely Chigusa looks to me to fill the emotional void left by father's suicide. When I confronted her, she broke down and insisted that she only wants to be by my side. Despite the Edos' disapproval, Chigusa and I are now living together. It's for the best. I can hide from the world, and everyone I love will be safer. But how safe am I? Being with Chigusa is an emotional minefield. And in my dreams, she's been killed by my hand several times. According to Chigusa, these nightmares are fueled by fear. But what's fueling my dark desires? When I told her I'd never leave her, she kissed me full on the lips. And, god help me, I kissed her back. Later, in the grip of an unbearable attack, I latched onto Chigusa's neck, sucking my thirst on her blood.





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WE'LL  
BECOME ONE  
NO BLOOD,  
NO FLESH...

... WILL BE  
ONE WITH  
POWERS



TAKE ALL  
I HAVE  
IT'S  
YOURS  
NO  
BLOOD









...UNTIL  
YOU FEEL  
CONTENT

DON'T  
HOLD  
BACK

FILL  
YOURSELF  
ON MY  
BLOOD...



DON'T YOU  
FEEL THE  
SAME?

THE BLOOD  
TIES ARE  
WHAT  
BIND US

I WANT MY  
BLOOD INSIDE  
YOU, FLOWING  
WITH YOUR  
BLOOD



IF YOU  
FEEL THAT  
WAY...

...THEN WHY  
WOULDN'T YOU  
DRINK MY  
BLOOD?



I WON'T  
LET YOU  
GO  
I PROMISE  
YOU





I  
GUESS  
IT'S  
NOT GOOD  
ENOUGH  
FOR YOU,  
IS IT?



I MIGHT  
LOOK  
LIKE HIM  
BUT  
I'M NOT  
REALLY  
DAD,  
AM I?

AFTER  
ALL  
I'M  
JUST THE  
REPLACE-  
MENT.



THAT'S  
WHY I  
MUST  
RESIST

I DON'T  
WANT TO  
RELIVE MY  
PAST





BUT  
I DON'T  
WANT  
TO BE .

JUST  
FATHER'S  
REPLACE-  
MENT.

I WANT  
TO BE  
NEEDED  
BY YOU,  
CHIZUKA.



AND  
RIGHT NOW,  
MY THIRST  
CAN ONLY BE  
SATISFIED  
BY YOU.



SOUND  
FAMILIAR?  
WASN'T FATHER  
THE ONLY ONE  
WHO COULD  
FEED FOMO  
HERE??







And  
I nurtured  
our  
relationship...  
to ease  
our pain...

But  
no...  
I'm  
afraid.

Kazune  
in the  
end I was  
until last  
year.





*I hadn't  
thought  
about  
that.*

*Could I  
possibly feel  
jealous of  
father?*





THEY DON'T  
BECOME  
THE SAME  
AS FATHER



WUT WONT  
YOU BEING  
MY BLOOD?



I CAN'T  
BE BEING  
SUFFER  
AN FATHER



DAD I  
CAN SEE  
THAT.

It's  
different  
from  
Father.





IF YOU  
SAY SO

DON'T  
YOU  
WORRY

WHAT  
ABOUT  
ME?

GUESS  
THAT  
WEARS  
IT UP  
I'LL BE  
OFF

I'M  
JUST  
FINE

I WOULDN'T  
BE SURPRISED  
IF HE HATES YOU  
WHEN WE START  
TALKING, HE CAN'T THINK  
RATIONALLY

NOTHING  
I WANT TO  
HAVE SOME  
CANDOR-DOES  
ANY GETTING  
VIOLENT WITH  
YOU

YOU WON'T  
BE GETTING  
ANY MORE  
MEDICINE

MY  
MEDICINE?



IT'S PUTTING  
YOUR HEART  
UNDER GREAT  
STRAIN

ANY MORE  
OF IT, AND  
I'LL HAVE TO  
ADMIT YOU  
INTO THE  
HOSPITAL



DON'T  
I HAVE  
THAT  
CLEAR?

THERE'S  
A SERIOUS  
RISK WITH  
THAT  
MEDICINE

IF YOU TAKE  
ANY MORE  
OF IT, IT'S  
GOING TO KILL  
YOU. DO YOU  
UNDERSTAND?



THEY'LL  
DISCOVER THE  
TAKASHIRO  
DISEASE

I CAN'T  
LET THAT  
HAPPEN



I'M ONLY  
TRYING TO DO  
WHAT'S BEST  
FOR YOU



IT'S NOT  
JUST FOR  
MY SAKE  
ANYMORE



KAZUMA-KUN,  
YOE...

...YOU MIGHT BE  
THE ONLY ONE  
CHIEKA WILL  
RESPOND TO



MINASE-SAN,  
THANKS FOR  
STOPPING BY.



DAY OR  
NIGHT,  
IT'S ONLY  
WITH ME

IF ANYTHING  
HAPPENS,  
CALL ME  
AT THE  
NUMBER I GAVE  
YOU



HUNT



TEST IT  
OUT

YOU MAY BE  
ABLE TO GET  
THROUGH TO  
HER BETTER  
THAN I





What  
will I  
do...

Without  
that  
medicine...

Let my  
sleeping  
come  
back



I'll be  
able to  
suppress  
them for  
a while.

I'll  
be all  
right.









NOT REALLY.  
THIS PLACE  
IS MORE  
RELAXING.

AND  
I CAN'T  
PART  
WITH DILS  
AT HOME.



YOU  
COME HERE  
*EVERY DAY*.  
DON'T YOU?

DON'T  
YOU HAVE  
PLANS TO  
RING OUT  
WITH OLIV  
VACATION?



WOULD  
YOU CALL THE  
OTHERS AND  
LET THEM  
KNOW?

YES, OF  
COURSE.



LOOK UP WHEN  
YOU GO HOME AND  
DON'T STAY TOO  
LATE, OKAY?

I SEE.

BYE-BYE.



When  
I go out,  
I feel  
insecure  
again.

SEE  
YOU



WHAT CAN YOU DO?









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Chihiro  
wants  
Kazuma.



Even  
if he's  
just her  
father's  
replacem-  
ent.



The  
Take-  
shiro  
bloodline  
is an  
uncreas-  
able  
river.

That was  
something  
I learned  
a long  
time ago.



Is it  
because  
of this  
scarf?

Why do  
I keep  
holding on  
like that?





I  
remember  
it like  
it was  
yesterday.





I never  
wanted  
to be  
apart  
from her



From  
that  
moment



No, it's  
different  
from last

Do I  
want to  
possess  
her?



WHAT'S THIS?  
A FACTOR 5  
MURDER?



But then...  
what  
exactly  
is this  
feeling?













IN FACT  
HE MOVED SO  
FAR AWAY THAT  
HE'S HAD TO  
TRANSFER TO A  
NEW SCHOOL



MY ADVICE  
IS TO LEAVE IT  
AT THAT AND  
GET ON WITH  
YOUR LIFE







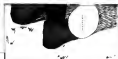






I SHOULD  
GET BACK  
TO WORK

AND YOU  
SHOULD BE  
GETTING  
HOME



...



I JUST  
NEED TO  
SEE HIM  
EVEN  
FROM A  
DISTANCE

THAT'S  
ALL I  
WANT

I'M  
GOING  
TO FIND  
HIM

THAT'S  
THAT



MMH?











NO  
THANKS  
I'M ALL  
RIGHT

DON'T  
WORRY  
ABOUT  
ME



YOU  
SURE?

YOU'VE BEEN  
SLEEPING ALL  
DAY. I GOT  
WORRIED



HOW'D  
YOU  
DOIN' TODAY?

I CAN RUN  
TO THE  
STORE IF  
YOU LIKE,  
GET YOU  
SOMETHING  
TO EAT



I don't  
want to  
stay in  
this room  
another  
minute

But it's the  
only way I  
can continue  
my treatment  
about this  
cancer.

I'M  
JUST WORK  
OUT FROM  
THE HEAT,  
I THINK



It's the  
cancerous  
surface.

What do  
I do?



But taking  
that  
medicine  
around...  
makes  
me so  
painful









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AGUNT  
NATSUKO?

AR...

YOU  
LOOK WELL,  
AT LEAST.

WHAT  
ARE  
YOU—?

IS CHIKURA-  
CHAN HERE,  
TOO?

I'M SORRY,  
BUT I NEED  
TO HAVE A WORD  
WITH YOU... IF  
ONLY FOR ONE.

WELCOME,  
AGUNT  
NATSUKO.

THERE'S  
NOTHING  
WE HAVE TO  
SAY TO EACH  
OTHER.







IT'S PROBABLY BECAUSE I'M HEARING MOTHER'S CHORD



YOU'RE THE SPITTING IMAGE OF HENDOO-SAN

IT'S MORE THAN A BROSHER-BLANCE



YOU REALLY?

...LOOK SO MUCH LIKE YOUR MOTHER, CHENNA-CHAN



...WHAT REMINDS YOU HER?

SO...



YOUR UNCLE AND I DISCUSSED THIS...

AND WE WANT TO KNOW WHAT YOU THINK



I COME WITH A PROPOSITION





What  
I want  
depends  
on YOU.

What do  
you want,  
Chiguna?



HOW'RE  
YOU FEELING  
THOSE PAPS?

CHIGUNA-  
CHAN .

HOW ARE  
YOU COPING  
WITH YOUR  
ILLNESS?

OTHER THAN  
COPING WITH  
THE SUMMER  
HEAT, I FEEL  
ALL RIGHT

YOU DO  
LOOK QUITE  
PALE





I SEE

AND...



AGHT  
KAT'SUAKI?



WHILE RECENTLY,  
I'VE BEEN KEEP-  
ING IT UNDER  
CONTROL WITH  
A NEEDLE

BUT THE MEDICINE  
WAS PUTTING  
TOO HEAVY  
A STRAIN  
ON MY  
HEART

AND MY  
PARENTS WERE  
FORCING  
ME TO  
USE IT



I HEAR,  
ABOUT THE  
ILLNESS THAT  
HAS PLAGUED  
MY FAMILY?

AGHT  
KAT'SUAKI  
—HOW  
MUCH  
ABOUT MY  
ILLNESS  
DO YOU  
KNOW?



BUT DID  
YOU KNOW  
OUR MOTHER?  
HAD YOU EVER  
SEEN HER  
ALIVE?

YOU  
AND YOUR  
HUSBAND  
WERE  
FRIENDS  
WITH OUR  
FATHER





MOTHER HAD  
ALWAYS BEEN  
SUCH A CALM  
AND GENTLE  
PERSON



BUT WHEN  
THE DYSENDRIC  
TOOK HER, SHE  
CHANGED, AND  
I NEVER DARED  
GO NEAR HER  
AGAIN.

THINK OVER  
WHAT I SAID







I APPRECIATE  
YOUR OFFER, BUT YOU  
ARE NOT TAKING INTO  
AND I CANNOT IMPACT MY  
CONDITION, WHAT BURNS  
IN OUR VERY BLOOD, OR  
INNOCENT OUTSIDERS,  
AUNTIE MATSUDA

IT'S TAKING ME  
MY WHOLE LIFE TO  
COME TO GRIPS  
WITH IT. TO  
LIVE WITHOUT  
HOPE

THIS OFFER  
IS BEYOND YOUR  
HELP. IT IS BEYOND  
EVERYONE'S.  
NO MATTER HOW  
MUCH YOU HOPE  
OTHERWISE



YOU  
ARE OUT-  
SIDERS



NOT AT ALL  
YOU SIMPLY  
WONDER-  
STAND

PLEASE  
WAIT

WE HAVEN'T  
OFFERED  
YOU, HAVE  
WE?



AND I WOULD  
RATHER DIE  
THAN BE AN  
OUTSIDE BUFFER  
FOR MY SAKE

TO BEAR WHAT  
IS IN OUR VERY  
BLOOD IS OUR  
DESTINY



MY FATE IS  
NOT DOWN TO  
SUFFER



ORIGAMI-  
CHAN,  
PLEASE—



YOU  
CAN STILL  
CHANGE  
THOSE  
BELIEFS

BUT  
YOU'RE  
STILL NO  
FOOL



BUT MY FATE  
WAS SEALED  
A LONG TIME  
AGO. A FORMAL  
FUTURE WAS  
ONCE BEEN  
CLOSED TO ME  
AS HERE HUMAN  
DESIGNS

IT MAY BE  
BEYOND YOUR  
UNDERSTANDING,  
AUNT RATSUO



I WAS  
RAISED WITH  
THAT BELIEF.  
YOU SEE

TO PLACE MY  
TRUST ONLY  
IN FATHER

I GAVE UP  
THE IDEA LONG  
AGO OF EVER  
VENTURING  
OUTSIDE THE  
BOUNDS OF  
FAMILY



FOOLING  
MYSELF INTO  
THINKING I  
CAN LIVE A  
NORMAL  
LIFE

WHAT  
A TRAGIC  
THING TO DO,  
DON'T YOU  
THINK, FOR ALL  
CONCERNED



RIGHT NOW,  
A HAPPY  
LITTLE  
FAMILY

WOULD  
BE MORE  
A BLESSING  
THAN  
A GIFT













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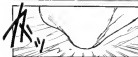
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My God,  
this  
feeling.













I'VE  
TAKE FAP'S  
PLACE  
I DON'T  
MIND

MY FLOOD WILL  
BE CHIDUNA'S  
MORNING



















CHIZURU?



Chizuru...



I don't  
have anyone  
left but you.





















YOU  
BETTER GET  
HOME BEFORE  
SHE HAS A  
ECLIPSE

I'LL KEEP  
AN EYE  
ON HER



I'M GOING  
TO LET  
CHIZURA-  
KUN REST  
HERE  
AWHILE



THAT  
WOULDN'T  
SURPRISE  
ME



CHIZURA-KUN'S  
SYMPTOMS  
CAME BACK,  
DIDN'T THEY?



BUT  
CHIZURA  
SHE WOULDN'T  
TAKE MY  
BLOOD

WHADE-  
SAN, YOU  
SAID I MIGHT  
HAVE SOME  
INFLUENCE  
OVER HER

MINASE-SAN,  
YOU DON'T  
THINK SHE  
WOULD TAKE  
MY BLOOD,  
DO YOU?

IN ANY CASE,  
IF CHIRAKU-  
KUN'S STABLE  
LONG ENOUGH,  
WE CAN GET  
HIS SYMPTOMS  
UNDER CONTROL.

I DON'T

HOW  
BARE IS SHE?

I SHOULD  
GET  
HER  
SOME  
PAIN-  
KILLERS  
AND  
YOU GET  
SOME REST  
YOURSELF

I'LL  
PROP  
YOU  
UP ON MY  
WAY BACK  
TO THE  
HOSPITAL

THANKS  
FOR THE  
LIFT





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IF I LET  
YOU HANG  
AROUND  
ME...

PLEASE  
DON'T SAY  
THAT

OH,  
GOD...



THE BEST THING  
IS TO FORGET!  
BEING TOGETHER  
WOULD BECOME  
A NIGHTMARE  
FOR YOU

YOU  
MIGHT  
THINK  
IT'LL GET  
BETTER  
WITH TIME,  
BUT IT  
WOEN'T!

...THOSE  
SAME  
TAKING  
ATTACKS  
WILL  
HAPPEN  
AGAIN



I NEED  
TO FORGET  
YOU

DO NOT  
COME HERE  
AGAIN



AND FOR ME  
DO YOU HAVE  
ANY IDEA  
WHAT I WOULD  
BECOME  
OF ME?

MY ILLNESS  
WOULD BECOME  
FAR MORE  
VIOLENT. YOU'D  
BE DOOMING  
YOURSELF

YOU'D  
GET HURT,  
NO DOUBT, BUT  
IT MIGHT NOT  
END THERE





DO NOT GO  
AFTER KAZUNA



ONLY I CAN  
SATISFY HIS  
THIRST

ONLY I CAN  
PROTECT HIM







MY...

...Symptoms  
are back,  
aren't they?



YOU'RE  
OUT OF  
BED?



THE OLD  
CLINIC  
HASN'T  
CHANGED,  
HAS IT?

YOU  
COLLAPSED  
TODAY, AND  
KAZUMA-KUN  
CALLED ME  
RIGHT AWAY



MIRAGE-  
SAN...





Huh?



YOU'RE  
GOING  
TO STAY  
HERE...  
FROM  
NOW ON



I THOUGHT  
YOU'D GOTTEN  
ED OF IT  
LONG AGO

IT  
HAPPY

I STILL  
MAINTAIN  
IT



I DON'T THINK  
IT'S A GOOD  
IDEA...

...FOR YOU TO  
GO BACK TO  
THAT HOUSE  
AGAIN





BUT...

IF YOU GO  
BACK TO YOUR  
HOUSE, BEFORE  
LONG, YOU'LL  
BE BACK HERE  
AGAIN



IT  
TROUBLES  
ME THAT  
YOU WILL  
NOT FEEL  
FROM HIM.

AND  
THERE'S ONLY  
ONE SOURCE  
OF BLOOD I  
THOUGHT YOU'D  
ACCEPT—  
KAZUMA'S.

WITHOUT  
THE MEDICINE,  
YOU WILL  
EVENTUALLY  
MEET BLOOD  
FLOOD.



AND  
KAZUMA IS  
THE CLOSEST  
LINK WE HAVE  
TO HIM.

STRANGELY,  
I FEAR YOU'VE  
COVERED YOUR  
LINK WITH YOUR  
FATHER.



.....



IT'S NOT  
TRUE

WHY ELSE  
WOULD YOU  
REJECT  
KAZUMA-KEN'S  
BLOOD? WAS  
HE NOT YOUR  
FATHER'S  
REPLACEMENT?



BUT MY  
FEELINGS  
FOR KAZUMA  
HAVE  
CHANGED

IT MIGHT'VE  
BEEN TRUE  
AT FIRST



I DON'T  
WANT TO  
HEAR ANY  
MORE

LEAVE IT  
AT THAT,  
WILL YOU?







I wonder  
what  
Dad went  
through  
here with  
my sister  
and mother.



Chinami's  
dinner  
started  
here.

And  
there is  
where  
Mom  
died.



I can't  
imagine  
that my  
family  
once lived  
in this  
house.

That was  
all so  
long ago.

*I WAS ABLE TO  
KEEP LIVING...*

*...BECAUSE I  
HAD FATHER.*



to do a  
thing for  
Chinami.

I've been  
unable...

*Chigusa is  
too great a  
challenge.*

*But this  
all feels  
beyond  
me.*

*I can feel  
my heart.*

*How can  
I get her to  
step out from  
our father's  
shadow?*

*If I'm  
just Dad's  
replacement,  
I'm fine  
with it...*

*...just  
to stay  
by her  
side.*

*KEEP ME*

*STAY BY MY SIDE.*



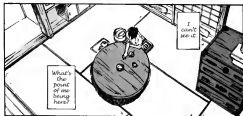




I just  
can't  
see  
a-way  
out.



But  
this is  
not just  
about  
Chigasaki.



What's  
the  
point  
of  
me  
being  
here?

I  
can't  
see it.



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AND TRY TO RELAX.

I BROUGHT YOU SOME MEDICINE. TAKE TWO TABLETS AFTER BREAKFAST. I'VE GOT TO BE AT THE HOSPITAL.



I'VE GOT EVERYTHING SET UP FOR YOU HERE.

HOW TRY TO RELAX AND RECOVERATE.



BUT DON'T STRAIN YOURSELF AND DON'T GO FAR.



IF IT'LL HELP, GO OUT FOR A LITTLE STROLL.



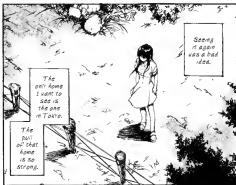
MAKE YOURSELF COMFORTABLE. I'LL BE BACK TONIGHT.











It's  
waiting  
for  
me.

Kazune  
is waiting  
for me.

I have to  
get back.  
I must  
get back.

That  
home  
is all  
I have.

My  
home  
is  
Taira...







If it  
goes  
on like  
this :

I'll  
only be  
making  
life worse  
for her



I could  
do  
nothing  
for  
Chiguna

What  
am I  
but a  
burden?







*If something  
happened  
to her, the  
police or the  
hospital  
would've  
called the  
Tobushiro  
House.*

*And if  
they did,  
Kazumasa-kun  
would've  
contacted  
me!*



*I swear  
I'll run*





...I don't  
at least  
say that  
I need  
to reach  
out to  
him.



But if her  
heart grows  
out from an  
attack...



It's  
unlikely  
to keep  
my heart  
beating up.

It  
doesn't  
help  
anymore...



WHO'S  
THERE?



たた

YES?





YOU LOSE  
ANY PATIENTS  
LATELY? 'CAUSE  
I FOUND A GUY  
WHO NEGATIVE  
FLEW AWAY FROM  
HERE.



ESCAPE ME  
IS THIS THE  
TAKASHIRO  
CLINIC?



THAT'S  
RIGHT,  
WHAT  
IS IT?

OH,  
NOTHING  
SERIOUS,  
I HOPE.



SHE'S  
ASLEEP  
RIGHT  
NOW.



BUT I GOT  
SUSPICIOUS  
SHE HADN'T  
CAUGHT UP  
EVIDENCE WITH  
HIS, AND SHE  
SEEMED  
ANNOYED.

SO I  
THOUGHT  
I'D CALL THE  
POLICE, AND  
THEY'D LOOK  
INTO IT.

I FOUND  
HER LOOKING  
PRETTY BAD,  
LIFT ON A  
BENCH OUTSIDE  
A CONVENIENCE  
STORE BY THE  
HOSPITAL.

SHE SAID  
SHE KEPT  
A RIDE TO  
TOKYO.



I JUST  
GOT HERE  
AND FOUND  
HER ROOM  
EMPTY.  
I WAS  
TRYING  
NOT TO  
FREAK.

THANK--  
THANK YOU  
SO MUCH.



SO I THOUGHT  
I'D SAVE THE  
POLICE THE  
TROUBLE AND  
BRING HER HOME  
MYSELF.

LUCKY,  
I KNOW THIS  
AREA PRETTY  
WELL.



BUT THEN  
I NOTICED  
THIS LARK  
ON HER  
HANDS.

IT'S THE  
NAME AND  
ADDRESS OF  
THIS PLACE.











IT'S  
NOT  
THE  
SAME

THAT  
MEDICINE'S  
OFF-LIMITS  
I'M YOUR  
DOCTOR, GOD  
DAMMIT!



YOU'RE  
USING MY  
TREATMENT  
HERE, AND  
YOU NEED TO  
GET YOUR  
STRENGTH  
BACK

I'M  
TRYING  
TO KEEP  
YOU  
ALIVE!

SO SIT  
TIGHT FOR  
A WHILE



I'LL TAKE  
THAT RISK

EITHER WAY,  
IT'S A RISK  
TAKE THE MEDICINE  
OR WAIT FOR  
ANOTHER ATTACK!



YOU'RE  
NOT GOING  
ANYWHERE,  
YOU GOT  
THAT?

TO  
THAT TOKYO  
HOUSE OR TO  
KAZUYA



I DON'T  
HAVE MUCH  
TIME LEFT.



... DON'T YOU  
THINK I KNOW MY  
HEALTH BETTER  
THAN ANYBODY ELSE?

MIKAGE-  
SAN...



YOU SAY YOU'RE  
MY DOCTOR. YOU,  
OF ALL PEOPLE,  
SHOULD UNDER-  
STAND.

MY HEART'S  
GETTING WORSE.  
SITTING HERE  
SOON I WON'T  
HAVE ANY HOPE OR  
STRENGTH LEFT.



YOU  
THINK  
YOU'RE...?

WH-WHAT  
ARE YOU  
SAYING?

MIKAGE-  
SAN...







FATHER WENT  
AROUND ANYMORE.  
WHAT'S THE POINT  
OF ALL THIS  
TREATMENT?  
IT'S SO  
MEANINGLESS

WHAT  
ABOUT  
KAZUKI-  
KUN?



I'VE  
BEEN  
DOING  
ALL THAT  
SINCE I  
WAS A  
CHILD

BUT WHAT  
KIND OF LIFE  
DAD THAT  
GIVEN ME?

YOU CAN'T FIX  
ME WHY TRY  
TO SALVAGE  
SOMETHING  
THAT CAN'T  
BE FIXED?



SO YOU  
WANT ME  
TO STOP  
TREATING  
FOD?

IF YOU  
REFUSE AND  
FOLLOW THE  
TREATMENTS--



SO DON'T  
TELL ME IT'S  
MEANING-  
LESS

HE  
NEEDS YOU.  
DOESN'T HE?



SO I CAN  
BE BY  
HIS SIDE

THAT'S WHY  
I NEED THAT  
MEDICINE





















IT WAS  
JUST BEFORE  
YOU STARTED  
GRADE SCHOOL.  
YOU WERE WEARING  
A WHITE FUKATA  
WITH MOONING  
GLORIES ON IT.

I REMEMBER  
FIRST MEETING  
YOU THE  
SUMMER  
I TURNED  
SIXTEEN.



YOU WERE  
SO LONELY.  
AND ALONE  
WITH  
ALONE.

YOUR FATHER  
ASKED ME TO  
KEEP YOU  
COMPANY.



Captains of the Ocean - Picture Book





I'VE  
ALWAYS BEEN  
GRATEFUL  
FOR THEM

EVEN THOUGH  
THINGS BETWEEN  
US GOTTY GUYS  
TORN OUT THE  
WAY I WANTED



YOUR  
TREATMENT'S  
MIGHT SEEM  
MEANINGLESS  
NOW, BUT  
WOULDN'T YOU  
WANTING ME  
AND THOSE  
KIDS  
TOGETHER?











DO YOU KNOW  
WHAT HAPPENED  
THAT SUMMER  
TEN YEARS AGO?

I'M ONLY  
WITH JOSH  
BEING YOUR  
FRIEND...  
YOUR  
DOCTOR.

DON'T GIVE  
ME YOUR  
AFFECTIONS  
JUST 'CAUSE  
YOU FEEL  
SORRY FOR  
ME.



IT'S NOT  
YOU...

...BUT  
THE FEELINGS  
YOU SET LOOSE  
WERE ME.



THAT  
SUMMER...





...AT THAT  
MOMENT...  
I WAS POWER  
COMPLETELY

I COULDN'T  
RELIEVE WHAT  
I WAS FEELING

A  
SEVEN-YEAR-  
OLD GIRL...

...AND  
STOLE MY  
HEART





.....



AS FAR AS  
I WAS CON-  
CERNED...

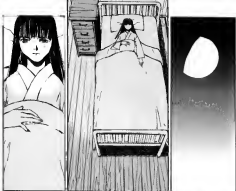
YOUR  
EXISTENCE WAS  
ABSOLUTE



THINK ABOUT  
WHAT I SAID

AND I NEVER  
WANTED TO LET  
YOU GO







IT'S NOT  
YOU BUT THE  
FEELINGS  
YOU SET LOOSE  
OFFER ME



What have  
I done?  
I've been  
reckless with  
Mitsuo-san.



IF  
MURASE-SAN  
didn't take  
the key with  
him, he must've  
had it here  
somewhere.



Pharmacy

調剤室



I'M GONNA  
PUT THESE  
AWAY IN THE  
STORAGE  
ROOM,  
OKAY?

WE'LL  
UNLOCK IT  
TOMORROW  
AND KEEP  
READING.



ONLY TWO  
BOOKS A DAY  
THOSE WERE  
YOUR FATHER'S  
ORDERS.

IF YOU DON'T  
REST UP, YOU'LL  
GET FEVERISH  
AGAIN











I'm  
taking my  
medicine  
along with  
me.

Wise-  
son, I'm  
sorry.

But I  
told you  
before  
that I must  
leave. Please  
don't try to  
follow me.

...all I have  
left in life  
is Kauna,  
and I need to  
be with her.

I know  
you think  
I'm lying  
myself,  
but...



*From the very  
first moment  
that I met her...*



*...she was  
unreachable.*

*Always the  
princess whom I  
gladly served.*







*I've been  
a puppet  
all my life...  
but this is  
the first  
time I've truly  
chosen my  
own path.*

*And...  
I have no  
regrets.*







\*Schizophras









Although I fear for her health, I'm relieved that Chigusa found her way home. I'm sure Kinase's extremely upset, but Chigusa's will is very strong. If she wanted to be close to me, nothing on Earth could have stopped her. And for that, I am grateful. I mean, we should be together, right? Still, when she stumbled back home, my comfort was mixed with dread.

Being alone in this house was ~~terrific~~ dreadful, though. The ghosts of the past roamed the halls, and they kept me up at night. When I did manage to sleep, I had horrible dreams. In most of them, Father's body was being exhumed, his corpse rotted beyond all recognition. What does this represent? Am I afraid someone will dig up our family's darkest secrets? Or does the truth behind Father's suicide still need to be unearthed?

Chigusa has suggested that we go back to school. It could be a good idea. Perhaps I'll dream of exams instead of exhumations. And for Chigusa, maybe she can avoid the nightmareish fate that befell Mother. In any case, resuming a ~~generic~~ routine might ease the burden our paternal love has put on me. I deal with Tsugashiki. She'll inevitably look at me with sad, heart eyes - and I'm not sure I'll be able to turn my head and walk away.